

**Fretless**  
**R.E.M.**

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FRETLESS (2 Versions)

FRETLESS (Version 1)

Verses:

Chords: Em/Bm (?) (I don t think its a chord, just some random Peter stuff)/G  
alternate w/:Em/Bm (?)/G/Bm (?)

tab goes like this:

E - - 0 - - 2 - - 3 - - 2 - - 2 -  
B - 0 - 0 - - 0 - - 0 - - 0 - - 0  
G 0 - - - 0 - - 0 - - 0 - - 0 - -

alternate with:

E - - 0 - - 2 - - 3 - - 3 - - 3 -  
B - 0 - 0 - - 0 - - 0 - - 0 - - 0  
G 0 - - - 0 - - 0 - - 0 - - 0 - -

Prechorus (if that is what it is): [ They come and they come... ]

B/A/D/E

Chorus: [ Don t talk to me... ]

chords: G/F/Em

tab goes like this:

E - - - 3 - - 3  
B - 0 - - 0 - -  
G 0 - 0 - - 0 -

E - - - 1 - - 1  
B - 1 - - 1 - -  
G 2 - 2 - - 2 -

E - - - 0 - - 0 - - 0 - - 0

B - 0 - - 0 - - 0 - - 0 - -  
G 0 - 0 - - 0 - - 0 - - 0 - -

Lyrics:

He s got his work, and she comes easy  
They each come around when the other is gone  
Me, I think I got stuck somewhere in between  
I wouldn t confide in the prodigal son,  
The dye has been cast, the battle is won  
The bullets were blanks, a double locked gun  
I couldn t admit to a minute of fun.

And they come and they come and they come  
I accept it with a gentle tongue  
No words spoken, no ? kept

Take it, stomp twice, ring bell  
Tether that ringing, freeze  
Enough with the rifle and talk already  
We all know what it means  
Take this conversation to your great divide  
I can only swallow what I ate,  
And I don t hate him, and I don t hate her.

And they come and they come and they come  
I accept it with a gentle tongue  
No heart broken, no ? kept

Don t talk to me about being alone  
Don t talk to me about being alone  
Don t talk to me about being alone

Reach for each other before you leave  
Reach peace, P-E-A-C-E  
Don t threaten me with a gentle tease,  
Don t threaten me with angry  
Please please please don t try to tell me what I am

And they come and they come and they come  
I accept it with a gentle tongue  
No words spoken, no ? except

Don t talk to me about being alone  
Don t talk to me about being alone  
Don t talk to me about being alone....

Ends on Em.

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FRETLESS (Version 2)

From: David G Gels

World soundtrack....a beautiful, haunting song, and one that I was surprised not to find already posted....here goes...

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+|-----0-----2-----3-----2-----2|-----0-----2-----3-----3-----|-----0-----|
+|-----0-0-----0-----0-----0-----|-----0-0-----0-----0-----0-----|-----0-0-----|
+|-----|-----|-----etc..-----|
+|-2-----2-----2-----2-----2--|-2-----2-----2-----2-----2--|-2-----|
|(repeat)
+|-----|-----|-----|
+|-0-----|-0-----2~|-0-----|
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That s the basic tune, right there.

before the chorus, it just repeats -3-

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---2-

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----- which leads to

B (slide) A D D A E

They come and they come....

B (slide) A D

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pre-verse: +---0---0---|---0-----|
+--1---1---1|---0-0-----|
+-----|-----|
+-----|-2-----|(back to main riff)
+-2---0---|-----|
+-----2-|-0-----|
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well, that s it. I m not too sure about the don t talk to me part...I usually just use a D with a walking down bass line, and it sounds alright, although it s wrong.